

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Original) Tamsulosin hydrochloride, ((R)-5-(2-(2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy)ethylamino)propyl)-2-methoxybenzenesulphonamide)hydrochloride, in the amorphous form.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) Tamsulosin hydrochloride in the amorphous form according to claim 1 characterised in that the amorphous tamsulosin hydrochloride has a DSC thermogram ~~thereof~~ which exhibits an exothermic peak at about 100° C.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) Tamsulosin hydrochloride in the amorphous form according to claim 1 characterised in that the amorphous tamsulosin hydrochloride has an IR spectrum ~~thereof~~ which exhibits a band at about 3449 cm⁻¹.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) Tamsulosin hydrochloride in the amorphous form according to claim 3 characterised in that the amorphous tamsulosin hydrochloride has an IR spectrum ~~thereof~~ which exhibits the bands substantially as shown in Table 1.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) Tamsulosin hydrochloride in the amorphous form according to claim 1 characterised in that the amorphous tamsulosin hydrochloride has an X-ray powder diffractogram ~~thereof~~ which exhibits the absence of discrete diffractions which are characteristic of crystalline forms.

Claim 6. (Withdrawn) A process for the preparation of the amorphous form of tamsulosin hydrochloride characterised in that it comprises lyophilization of a solution of tamsulosin hydrochloride.

Claim 7. (Withdrawn) The process for the preparation of amorphous tamsulosin hydrochloride according to claim 6 wherein said solution of tamsulosin hydrochloride is aqueous solution.

Claim 8. (Cancelled)

Claim 9. (Withdrawn) The process for the preparation of amorphous tamsulosin hydrochloride according to claim 8 wherein said solution of tamsulosin hydrochloride is aqueous solution.

Claim 10. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical formulation comprising tamsulosin hydrochloride and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients characterised in that it comprises tamsulosin hydrochloride in the amorphous form.

Claims 11.-15. (Cancelled)